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Referring now to FIGS. 1, 2, 6 and 7, the discontinuous tread 14 of the feed wheel 10 includes a discontinuous annular body 44 having a ring-shaped configuration and made of a resilient pliable stretchable deformable material, such as polyurethane. The annular body 44 has cylindrical-shaped outer and inner peripheral surfaces 46, 48 being spaced apart from one another, and leading and trailing opposite ends 50, 52 respectively having mateable female and male surfaces 54, 56 thereon of non-planar configurations which define a discontinuous non-planar join 58 in the annular body 44 between the outer and inner peripheral surfaces 46, 48 thereof at the leading and trailing opposite ends 50, 52 thereof. The discontinuous join 58 in the annular body 44 readily enables the annular body 44 to be fitted over and about, and also removed from, the rigid body 16 of the hub 12 by yieldably and resiliently deforming and stretching the annular body 44 temporarily out of its

normal ring-shaped configuration to and from a seated relationship (seen in FIG. 2) of the annular body 44 at the inner peripheral surface 48 thereof about and with the external peripheral surface 22 of the rigid body 16 of the hub 12. In the seated relationship the annular body 44 of the tread 14 at the outer peripheral surface 46 thereof is adapted to make a gripping contact with a surface H of a sheet I and to cause feeding of the sheet I in a preselected direction J when the annular body 44 of the tread 14 is moved in a given direction of rotation $[[J]]$ K with the rotatable feed wheel 10 about the central axis of rotation A. The non-planar mateable female and male surfaces 54, 56 respectively formed on the leading and trailing ends 50, 52 of the annular body 44 of the tread 14 are capable of interfitting with one another and thereby tend to interlock the leading and trailing ends 50, 52 together so as to resist the trailing end 52 from being pulled away from the hub 12. It should be noted that as the tread 14 rotates, its leading end 50 passes first, then immediately thereafter its trailing end 52 passes. By the female surface 54 on the leading end 50 substantially overlying and thus holding down the male surface 56 on the trailing end 52 due to their interlocking relationship with one another, the tendency is significantly reduced for the trailing end 52 to be able to be pulled off the hub 12 when subjected to the inertial force of the tread 14 accelerating under and relative to a stationary sheet I. This is because the aforementioned configurations of the female and male surfaces 54, 56 formed at the discontinuous join 58 of the tread 14 are so oriented relative to the direction of rotation K of the tread 14 that there is no potential "catch point" created on the tread 14 at the join 58 that could otherwise result in a board catching and pulling out of an end of the tread 14.

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